

CHAPTER NO. 820

HOUSE BILL NO. 1554

By Representatives Hargrove, Lois DeBerry, Larry Turner, Marrero, Favors

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 255

By Senators McNally, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to payments to hospitals and other health care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-188(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The comptroller of the treasury may conduct an annual actuarial study of the medical assistance program and any participating managed care organizations. The final study, and the oral and written comments, shall be reported to the finance committees, the TennCare oversight committee and the fiscal review committee of the general assembly on or before April 15 of each year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-188 (c), is amended by deleting the language in the first sentence, "in a separate section,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-188 is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

(d) Before reporting the final study to the committees of the general assembly, the comptroller of the treasury shall release a copy of the draft study to interested parties and hold a public hearing within thirty (30) days of release in order to afford all interested persons or their representatives an opportunity to present facts, views or arguments relative to the draft study under consideration. The agency shall afford each interested person an opportunity to present facts, views or arguments in writing, whether or not such person had an opportunity to present them orally.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 23, 2006


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2006


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR